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## Box Patent Application

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Presented for filing is a new continuation patent application of:

Applicant: C. HUDSON HENDREN III

Title: PROVIDING A NETWORK COMMUNICATION STATUS  
DESCRIPTION BASED ON USER CHARACTERISTICS

The prior application is assigned of record to America Online, a Dulles, Virginia corporation, by virtue of an assignment submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office and recorded on June 7, 1999 at 010009/0540.

Enclosed are the following papers, including those required to receive a filing date under 37 CFR §1.53(b):

|               | <u>Pages</u> |
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| Specification | 11           |
| Claims        | 4            |
| Abstract      | 1            |
| Declaration   | 1            |
| Drawing(s)    | 7            |

### Enclosures:

- Preliminary amendment, 5 pages.
- New disclosure information, including:
  - Information disclosure statement, 2 pages.
  - PTO-1449, 1 page.
  - References, 7 items.
- Postcard.

This application is a continuation (and claims the benefit of priority under 35 USC 120) of U.S. application serial no. 09/259,696, filed March 1, 1999. The disclosure of the prior application is considered part of (and is incorporated by reference in) the disclosure of this application.



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| Independent claims in excess of 3 times \$84 | \$0   |
| Fee for multiple dependent claims            | \$0   |
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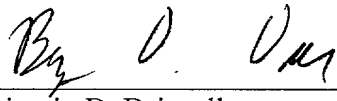
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